(d) the action taken by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) During 1990-91, CSD purchased Indian Made Foreign Liquor, Rum and Beer from M/s Mohan Meakins Ltd. valued at Rs. 17.50 crores.

(b) to (d). A complaint had been received in November, 1990, from one of the Unit Run Canteens regarding the presence of a foreign body in a bottle of rum called 'Black Beauty'. After analytical test, it was confirmed that the sample did not conform to Specifications. Accordingly, all CSD Depots stopped the sale of the affected batch. Penalty, as per Contract terms, has been levied on the distillery. Another complaint was received in August 1991 from one of the CSD Depots that a particular batch of 'Lion' brand of beer manufactured by this firm in the year 1990-91 was found to be sedimented. The sale of the affected batch has been suspended in all the Depots and the samples of the affected batch have been sent for testing.

[*English*]

Implementation of Court Orders

3716. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 275 on March 30, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the Government have ensured that the instructions issued to the Ministries/Departments are complied with in time and no case not involving substantial questions of law or public importance is filled by any Department of the Union Government and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMAGALAM): (a) and (b). The reply given to Starred Question No. 275 on 30.3.1990 was on the subject of prompt implementation of Court Orders which have become final with a view to avoid contempt petitions for non-compliance of the same. In the said reply, no reference was made to filling of cases not involving substantial questions of law or public importance. However, in service matters, all the Ministries and Departments of Government of India have been requested to ensure that appeals are filed only in those matters which require authoritative pronouncement of the Supreme Court on matters of law or questions of general importance.

Payment to Crew of Merchant Ships

3717. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crew of Indian merchant ships are paid in foreign exchange for the period of their stay in foreign waters;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total amount paid in foreign exchange during each of the last three years; and

(d) whether the Government propose to pay them in Indian currency and provide tax relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. At the option of the crew.

(b) While in foreign waters the crew